AMBASSADOR BRIDGE CLOSURE

OPP RM22009444
WPS W122-11390

MISSION

- The OPP and our policing partners will keep the peace, enforce, legislation establish and maintain the safe flow of traffic and respecting individuals Charter Rights of peaceful assembly, freedom of speech, and public and officer safety being paramount.

SITUATION

- On the 7th of February, 2022 routes to the Ambassador Bridge were blocked by protestors
- WPS and OPP have been engaged with the protestors in attempting to negotiate a peaceful resolution.
- WPS is maintaining a perimeter in the surrounding area.
- On 9th February 2022, a male party was arrested for dangerous drive.
- On 12th February 2022, a joint strategic effort was undertaken to reclaim access to the Ambassador Bridge.
- Overnight on the 12th of February officers held the territory that had been gained during the initial operation.
- The operation continued on 13th February 2022 with several arrests made for Mischief 430(1)(c)

SITUATION

- The situation is dynamic and significant amounts of people continue to attend the area to provide support to the protestors.
- Protestors continue to demonstrate on sidewalks and intersections.
- POU conducted another operation at Tecumseh and Huron Church after protest activity occurred. Several arrests were made in relation to that protest.
- Parking lots and intersections have been gathering points – especially near FreshCo, Food Basics, Shell, etc.
- The owners of these properties do not want protest activities to take place on their property or vehicles involved in protest activities to utilize their parking lots. Vehicles can be towed and people arrested.
- **We do not wish to give up any territory that has been gained.**

MAIN ACTION PLAN

Negotiate a peaceful resolution to protest and establish a safe flow of traffic to and from the Ambassador Bridge.

IMMEDIATE ACTION PLANS

Highway Blockade. If members observe an imminent highway blockade and form reasonable grounds an offence is about to be committed, officers will intervene to prevent a blockade **if it is safe to do so**. If unable to prevent, OPP members will isolate, contain and control the area and engage PLT and ERT immediately.

Highway Blockade Established. If members arrive at the scene of an established blockade, members will isolate, contain and control the scene, establishing traffic control points to divert traffic to ensure the safety of all involved and contact the incident commander for further direction.

HURON CHURCH ROAD

- Our main focus will be on keeping Huron Church Road free of vehicles and pedestrian protestors.
- The goal is to reestablish the flow of traffic from the border through to EC Row.
- The traffic plan will be to close all East and West Access to Huron Church Road.
- This includes all driveways from commercial businesses that would exit onto Huron Church Road.
- Target hardening will continue over the next day – in the meantime we will be using cruisers and heavy equipment to block driveways and intersections.
- When blocking the intersections the only vehicles allowed through are emergency vehicles.
- The intersection of Industrial and Huron Church Road, only CBSA escorted vehicles will be allowed to turn off/on to Industrial.

HURON CHURCH ROAD

- When maintaining the checkpoints please make sure that you do not allow for a lane for vehicles to travel.
- Make sure that you have clear sightlines and consider positioning the vehicles in such a way to ensure officer safety.
- We will be looking at being able to start flowing traffic on the roadway as of the evening of the 13th of February – it is vital that we ensure traffic continues to flow on Huron Church.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Please have your safety glasses available to use.
- Have your ear piece in place to be able to hear direction.
- Use your traffic safety vest while on traffic patrols.
- Ensure you utilize your PPE.

MEDIA

Media@windsorpolice.ca

If you are asked by media members – remembering everyone could represent themselves as part of the media – do not engage.
Provide the email above.

Key Messages –
We are here to ensure public safety.

We respect the right of everyone to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Situational Awareness

- Be aware of suspicious persons and vehicles in and around the Staging Area and Hotels.
- Hotel Employees are not vetted. Please secure your UOF & keep confidential materials and valuables put away.
- Utilize the Do Not Disturb sign and /or give instructions to the front desk not to clean your room if concerned.
- Communicate your observations to your NCO.
- Media outlets and Protestors have stayed at the hotels. Be wary of your conversations in all public areas as they may be recorded.
- Masks are required as per pandemic guidelines at the hotel.
- Please do not congregate in groups in the hotel lobby as per guidelines.

COUNTER - SURVEILLANCE

- Counter surveillance remains ongoing.
- Please be aware that members have been recorded at each location and ongoing efforts are being made to bait members at checkpoints. Please remain professional.
- Residents have also approached members at the OPP checkpoints to express concerns/frustrations.
- Remain situationally aware at all times and communicate suspicious activity immediately to the NCO.
- Use of cell phones for photos not advised.

STAGING AREA

ALL BORROWED EQUIPMENT TO BE RETURNED AT THE END OF SHIFT.
VEHICLES, WEAPONS MUST BE RETURNED TO STAGING AREA.

- Meals will be delivered to the Staging Area and will be relayed to checkpoints if relief can not be immediately provided.
- When checking in at the hotel, a reminder that you will need to confirm that you are registered under the Windsor PS/OPP booking to avoid incurring charges.

STAND BY TIME

- Stand by- Deployed members shall be entitled to payment of OT and stand-by time. Stand-by time shall be for the time period deployed to blockade assignments for those hours where members are being instructed to be available to respond.

BARRIER

- Officers deployed to barrier locations as a result of the strategic efforts need to hold the line.
- These areas are not to be breached.

YOUR WELLNESS

What Are My OPTIONS FOR SUPPORT

IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS, CALL 911 OR GO TO YOUR NEAREST HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM

FOR 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT CALL CONNEXONTARIO AT 1-866-531-2600

All services listed below are CONFIDENTIAL* and available to members, family members, retirees and auxiliaries

Care Navigators
- Referral agents to internal and external supports
- Navigation of administrative/ HR/WSIB/LTIP processes
- Carla Katsuno
- Shannon Lowe
- Andrea Smith

REDACTED

Consider reaching out to a family member, friend or colleague for support

Peer Support Team

Peer Support/Peer Assistance and Resource Team (PART)
- Uniform and civilian team members
- Trained in individual/group crisis intervention
- Respond to requests for support (work/non-work issues)
- Members in every OPP region and PCC location
- **Call REDACTED for information on Peer Support members in your area. For a complete list visit Healthy Workplace on OPP Connections (intranet) or search "wellness" at OPP.ca.**

Chaplaincy Program
- Respond to individual requests for support (work/non-work issues)
- Provide counsel in a multi-faith environment or non-denominational support
- Members of the Canadian Police Chaplain Association
- Trained in individual crisis intervention
- **Call REDACTED or visit the OPP intranet**

Community Referral List
- Mental health professionals with trauma experience
- Experience with First Responders
- Clinicians vetted by Peer Support/Care Navigator
- Fee for service, however costs may be offset through benefit entitlements (Canada Life)
- **For a complete list visit Healthy Workplace on OPP Connections (intranet) or search "wellness" at opp.ca. If you would like assistance choosing a clinician, contact a local Peer Support member or Care Navigator.**

* Except in the case of child abuse, perceived or actual imminent threat to self or others and criminal activity

Healthy Workplace Team
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

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For additional information, contact the Healthy Workplace Team

Boots on the Ground
1-833-677-2668
REDACTED
info@bootsontheground.ca

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Encompas Mental Health Wellness Program Program
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ADMINISTRATION

Notebook Insert

RMS – RM22009444
DAR – 22-59
861 – Major Event
'A' – Assist

WPS Incident Number – W122-11390

At the end of each shift PLEASE SCAN YOUR NOTES IN THE CLASSROOM.

Thank you and Welcome!

Assignments – once barriers in place

Traffic Checkpoints

CP1 - 4 officers at Wyandotte and Huron Church
CP2 2 officers at Patricia and Wyandotte – 1 cruiser
CP3- 2 officers at Patricia and Union – 1 cruiser
CP4 - 10 officers at College at Huron Church
CP5 - 10 officers at Tecumseh and Huron Church including 4-6 cruisers
CP6 - 6 officers at Totten and Huron Church
CP7 - 6 officers at Malden and Huron Church
CP8 - 4 officers at Industrial Park and Huron Church
CP9 - 2 officers at EC Row and Huron Church plus 2 cruisers
CP10 - 1 officer at Mill St (deadend)
CP11 - 1 officer at the railway crossing near College
CP12 - 2 officers at Assumption High School

Assignments – once barriers in place

Patrol areas
PA1 - 10 officers between College and Tecumseh
PA2 – 2 officers patrolling near tunnel

12 officers for quick response teams (3 teams of 4)
QR1 - EC Row and Malden area
QR2 - Malden and Tecumseh area
QR3 - Tecumseh and CBSA area

8 – 2 person cars to provide relief to check points and float to support other areas required.
FR1 –
FR2 –
FR3 –
FR4 –
FR5 –
FR6 -
FR7 –
FR8 -

8 officers for additional security and logistics details